

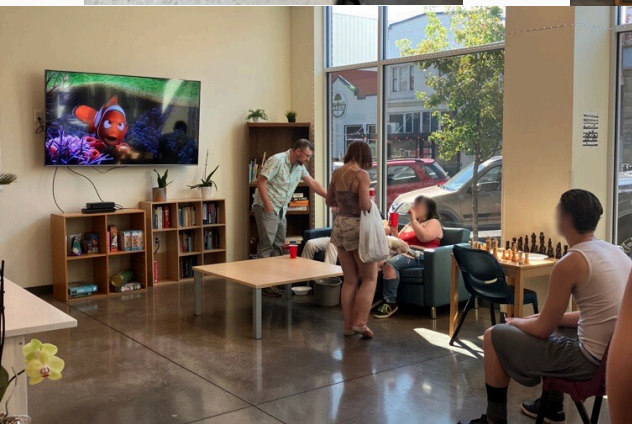
JULY-OCTOBER 2024

22 NORTH

Community News Letter

July

The 22 North Community gathered together in the air conditioned lobby and cooled down with root beer floats and an ocean themed movie, Finding Nemo! As I served the beverages and watched the movie with the community, I found myself very grateful that 22 North can be a home with AC, entertainment and treats to people who used to or otherwise would be dehydrated and over heated out on the streets.



This issue:

Cooling down with Root Beer Floats and a summer movie in July

Beautifying the 22 North Parking lot with flowers in August

Art Contest for Neighbor Appreciation Week in September

Candied Dipped apples, from the apple trees in 22 North parking lot

Downtown Trick or Treat at 22 North

Passing out of 'Thank You' cards with resident art work to neighboring businesses

Upcoming Clinics and Holiday Events

Vaccine Clinic
Thanksgiving Meal at 22 North
Holiday Cheer at 22 North

"To have a decent place to live is a basic human right. And also to have a chance to live in peace and to have adequate health care and adequate education, so you can take advantage of your talents." -Jimmy Carter 2017

August

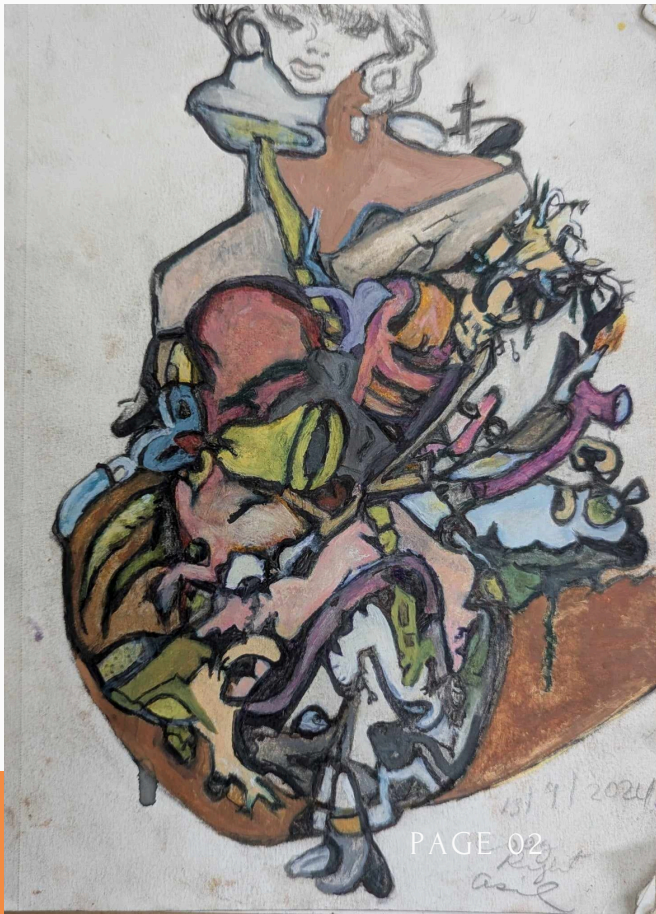
The residents at 22 North added color and life to the 22North parking lot! The residents were very passionate about keeping the garden alive, so I added a “garden tending chore” to our Scrub Club list, as a way of incentivizing and rewarding those that put into the community space! There is increasing evidence that exposure to plants and green spaces, and particularly to gardening, that it is beneficial to mental and physical health, so to have this area available to the residents right outside the door step of their own home is all around wonderful!



September

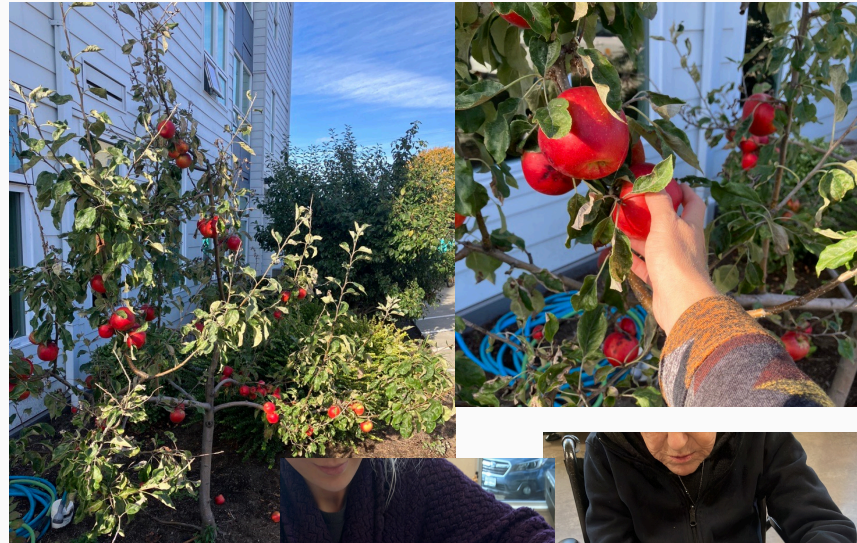
This is our second annual Art Contest, where the residents get prompted to create an art piece that represents “Home” to them. This abstract and beautiful piece was submitted with the title “Home is where the heart is.” The resident explained to me that this is a drawing of her daughter and she drew her in a dress because she just got married. Inside the dress is a lot of representation of inside jokes between the two of them as well as her daughter’s favorite hobbies and spiritual meaning. The resident also told me that she started out this piece by drawing the ‘Jesus Fish’ but then she began to think about her daughter and it evolved to what you see now.

The resident received a \$50 gift card to Fred Meyer and each resident that participated got a thank you treat. If you are a neighbor to 22 North, you will be receiving this art piece on a card soon!



October

Lots of fun was had welcoming Fall in the month of October! We harvested apples from the apple trees in the 22 North parking lot and had a candied apple event! We coated the apples in caramel, chocolate, white chocolate and sprinkles various toppings on them! We also signed up for the Bellingham Downtown Partnership Downtown Trick or Treat! One of our residents dressed up in costume and juggled for community entertainment! Both staff and residents passed out candy to the community and had lots of fun!



Neighbor Appreciation

As noted in the September section we had an art contest, once the winner was selected we then made the art piece into a “Thank You” card and passed them out to businesses down N State St. Every business that was approached had a positive response to receiving the Thank You card and gave feedback on how pleasant it is to be a neighbor to 22 North. A few notables would be Y’s Buys Thrift who give our residents clothing voucher, Cafe Rumba who gives our residents lots of food and a personal favorite, MAkeworth Coffee who gave me a free coffee for the hard work we do in this field! The picture on the right is an employee from Pel’pemi Dumplings.



Upcoming

November 21st Whatcom Public Health Department will be putting on a free vaccine clinic at 22 North



Thanksgiving Meal

Every year we put on a Thanksgiving meal for the 22 North Residents! If you would like to donate any canned goods or easily prepared foods, such as canned green beans, stuffing mix, gravy mix please email the Community Engagement Coordinator at andy_vanarsdale@oppco.org



Holiday Cheer

Last year from our Task Force team, Nick Leader donated a Christmas Tree to put up in our 22 North lobby, residents and staff got together and decorated the tree! This brought lots of holiday cheer and joy! Thank you Nick! If any of you are interested in donating a tree this year please talk to Andy at andy_vanarsdale@oppco.org

